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Jim and Bob:

EPA has reviewed the LWG's request for an additional 20 days, until January 12, 2011, as the deadline for the LWG to invoke dispute resolution on EPA's December 8, 2010 directive comments regarding the conceptual site model, the data lockdown date, and the inclusion of PBDE fish tissue data in the BHHRA. EPA approves the LWG's request for an additional 20 days. to January 12, 2011 to invoke dispute resolution on these directed comments.

EPA also believes it is appropriate to address a schedule issue related to the Benthic Risk Evaluation. The current deadline for the LWG to invoke dispute resolution on EPA's directive comments on the Benthic Risk Evaluation is December 17, 2010. We have been advised that Windward identified a minor calculation error in the positive likelihood values for the LRM individual models, which resulted from a rounding problem in the code. Because the positive likelihood values were used to rank the models in the selection process, Jay Field (NOAA) will need to update the tables and all data pmax values. It is our understanding that the differences are minor, and that the reliability stats are essentially the same. Jay anticipates having the corrected tables by the end of this week. EPA is therefore extending the December 17, 2010 deadline to invoke dispute resolution to January 12, 2011.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Chip